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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, IDEALIST Division, OSA  
Chief, PLANS/FA, OSA  
Chief, Intelligence Division, OSA

SUBJECT: Vulnerability Assessment

1. Confirming discussions held this date, I feel that it is mandatory that we obtain an official assessment of vulnerability of the U-2 in certain special instances which could be required in the coming year. Once this assessment has been received, it should be periodically updated in view of the latest information available, and, in all instances, must be reported upon at such time as a bona fide requirement is levied.

2. The areas of principal concern at the moment are as follows:

a.

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This target should be considered in light of an IR night mission as well as a photographic day mission. The penetration points to be considered are from either

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b.

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The same considerations apply as in subparagraph a. above.

c.

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This mission should be considered from a base within three and one-half hours of the target area in either . It should further be considered in light of repeated missions using an identical  25X1

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or nearly identical track. In addition, the time in the target area must be defined.

d. [redacted]

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The number of missions required, the time required to accomplish the [redacted] as well as the altitudes must be considered. In addition, repeated missions must be considered. It will be necessary to establish the target area by working with an [redacted] representative.

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3. For IDEALIST. Request that you prepare a mission plan covering the above targets. This mission plan will be provided to the Intelligence Division.

4. For PLANS. Request that you provide to the IDEALIST Division and the Intelligence Division all information available on the above proposals.

5. For Intelligence Division. Request that you obtain the vulnerability assessment for the above proposals and arrange to have the assessments maintained current as indicated in paragraph 1 above.

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Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

D/FA/OSA/ [redacted] fh (29 Jan 65)

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